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House Armed Services Committee to Hold Field Hearing in Michigan *Field Hearing to Focus on National Security Concerns on the Northern Border*

Washington, D.C. --- U.S. House Armed Services Committee Chairman Duncan Hunter (R-CA), Ranking Member Ike Skelton (D-MO) and Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI) today announced that the Armed Services Committee will hold a field hearing in Michigan to review national security implications of issues specific to the northern border. The field hearing will take place at Selfridge Air National Guard Base (ANGB) at 10:00 a.m. EST on August 1, 2006.

Specifically, the hearing will focus on the unique challenges the maritime environment of the Great Lakes' region poses to security on the northern border. Witnesses will also testify on the function Selfridge ANGB serves in ensuring local, state and federal coordination of border security, including how U.S. agencies work together and coordinate with their Canadian partners.

Details for the field hearing are as follows:

What: House Armed Services Committee (HASC) Field Hearing

Who: Rep. Duncan Hunter (R-CA), HASC Chairman
Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO), HASC Ranking Member
Rep. G.K. Butterfield (D-NC), HASC
Rep. Candice Miller (R-MI), HASC
Rep. Joe Schwarz (R-MI), HASC
Rep. John Conyers (D-MI)
Rep. Carolyn Kilpatrick (D-MI)
Rep. Joseph Knollenberg (R-MI)

When: 10:00 a.m. EST
Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Where: Joint Dining Facility (Building 164)
Selfridge Air National Guard Base

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Witnesses:

Brigadier General Michael Peplinski
Commander, 127th Wing
Selfridge Air National Guard Base
Air National Guard

Chief Patrol Agent John Bates
Sector Chief
U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency

Captain Patrick Brennan
Commanding Officer, Sector Detroit
U.S. Coast Guard

Mr. John Jamian
Former Maritime Administrator, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation
Former Executive Director, Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority
Former Michigan Legislator

Sheriff Dan Lane
St. Clair County Sheriff's Department
St. Clair County, Michigan

Colonel Paul Disney
U.S. Northern Command
Joint Task Force North – J3
United States Army

Additional Witnesses to be Announced

Details for News Media:

Credential news media interested in covering the field hearing should RSVP to the Selfridge ANGB Public Affairs Office at (586) 307-5576 by 12:00 p.m. EST on Monday, July 31.

Broadcast media planning to cover the field hearing should plan to arrive at Selfridge ANGB's Joy Gate no later than 8:00 a.m. EST on August 1 for security screening.

Print media planning to cover the field hearing should plan to arrive at Selfridge ANGB's Joy Gate no later than 9:00 a.m. EST on August 1 for security screening.

Details for General Public:

Information for the general public wishing to attend to the field hearing will be released later this week.

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